

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: January 26, 2018

### Flu Season

In case you haven't seen the news, there seems to be a bunch of flu going around. Whether it's the flu or just a cold, there are several things we all need to be aware of to help prevent the spread of illnesses. The first and most important – **Stay home when you are sick.** Avoid the contact with others to prevent spreading the sickness. Second is to cover your coughs and sneezes. The third most important is to wash your hands often. Hand washing should be done with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Lastly, frequently clean touched surfaces and objects. Computer keyboards, telephones, desks and tables are items that should be frequently cleaned. The flu shot is still available and may still be helpful in reducing the chance of the flu or reducing the severity.

With City buildings being used by many people we should increase the use of disinfectants to reduce the potential for spread of illness. The City provides wipes, hand sanitizers and disinfectant spray for staff to use throughout the workday. Multiple uses throughout the day will help to reduce spread of the little germs. Departments should contact Public Works before they run out to keep the items available for use.

### Youth Advisory Council Meeting

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be holding a special meeting on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 to 7:30 pm.

### Oregon Scenic Bikeway Advisory Committee

The City Manager attended the meeting of the Oregon Scenic Bikeway Advisory Committee. This committee is an advisory committee on the State's Scenic Bikeway program to the Oregon



Parks and Recreation Department and Commission. The City Manager is currently serving as the Chair of the committee. The committee discussed a number of issues associated with the continued operation of the program.

### **Oregon Scenic Byway Advisory Committee**

The City Manager was selected to serve on the Oregon Scenic Byway Advisory Committee that assists with ODOT's Scenic Byway program. The committee met and discussed Byway applications for potential recommendation of designation.

### **Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway Committee**

The local Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway also met this week to prepare the annual report on the bikeway. They also discussed the recent award of a Cycle Oregon Grant for "fix-it" stations on the bikeway. The Bureau of Land Management representative provided a report to the committee on the work that the BLM is planning on the trail portion of the bikeway this summer.

### **Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) Program**

The Service Line Warranties of America Program provides the citizens of Cottage Grove the opportunity to enroll in either an exterior water service line coverage or exterior sewer/septic line coverage, or both. The program was approved by the City Council in January, 2012 and all mailings regarding the program come directly from SLWA. The City allows SLWA to use the City's logo, address and Mayor's signature for the mailings and the City does not receive any compensation from the program, which is optional for all Cottage Grove residents. Since the program began in 2012, there have been 94 sewer line claims for a total of \$66,765 paid and 21 water line claims for a total of \$29,211 paid. There are currently 596 customers and 706 policies (water and sewer combined).

### **Community Service Officer Presents to Parent Club at CG High School**

Monday, January 22, 2018, Community Service Officer (CSO) Cherie Nelson presented to the Parent Club at Cottage Grove High School as part of "Raising Teens". Topics covered were: provisional driver license, marijuana use by teenagers, marijuana vs alcohol, and sexting. CSO Nelson also offered some "Tips for the Day" for parents to address issues like texting and driving, smoking marijuana, and sending nude pictures to others. There were eighty parents present at the presentation.

### **Reserve Officer Testing and Oral Boards**

The police department tested and interviewed candidates for the Reserve Officer Program this week. There were ten applicants and six of those went on to the oral board. Interviews with the Chief of Police were held on Thursday and Friday of this week. The goal is to have selected applicants ready to start the Lane Community College/Lane County Sheriff's Office Reserve Police Academy in February.

### **Classic Films at the Library**

Please join us Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm for a free screening of "Unforgiven", a classic film starring Burt Lancaster and Audrey Hepburn. This 1959 film has powerful performances by Audie Murphy, John Saxon, Charles Bickford, Lillian Gish and Doug McClure. This is a thrilling Texas Panhandle adventure from its compelling beginnings to its bold end. Please join us this coming Monday for this classic film at the Cottage Grove Public Library.

**Travelogue Series at the Library**

The Cottage Grove Public Library is about to launch a series of "Travelogue" evening events. On January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, library patrons will share their travel adventures in Latin America with the group. Everyone is welcome for some food, fun and conversation.

*Quote of the Week*

*“Don't be afraid to give up the good and go for the great.”*

*~Steve Prefontaine~*